





## INTIMATIONS

## NOTICE

WE have this day authorized Mr. CHARLES BERNARD BROWN, A.C.A., to SIGN OUR FIRM name as a Partner.

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Hongkong, Jan. 1, 1918.

## NOTICE

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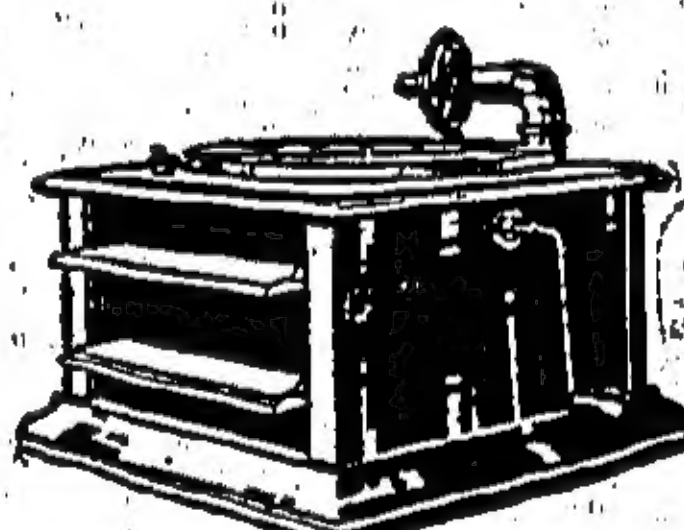
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## ON RETIREMENT.

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We should never look on old age as necessarily a time of disease and decay, but rather as a time of peaceful rest; of cessation of growth but of ripening fruit. The knowledge of the world that comes from experience should keep us calm and contented and full of hope for those that come after us.

A concrete example of a life gone wrong and wasted is of more weight than many words. I have known well and watched a man for forty years. He had the fortune—or misfortune—to make a comfortable pile by the time he was thirty-five. He was a keen, capable, tireless Yorkshireman. He then retired and has never done another day's work since. He was proud of his early success, and has since spent his time in crowing on his own dunghill and in bullying his family—occupations not uncommon and clearly attractive to the human male. He has, without any vice, led a mildly luxurious, self-indulgent life. In these forty years I don't think he has done a thing that he did not want to do. He has taken no real interest in outside things and has done no public work. His intellectual and moral standards have not moved forward one inch. Now at seventy-seven, though his bodily health is exceptionally good, his mind is a chaotic ruin. Though he has a son fighting in France, he refuses to believe that we are at war. He thinks his wife is his mother, and his memory, except for the far away events of his early life, has gone. This mental decay is not, as in many cases, the secondary result of organic disease, but is simply atrophy from disuse.

He lived his life for forty years ago, and it is now so rusted and corroded that, as a talent, it is unrecognizable. His son put the case in a nutshell when he remarked: "You can't expect a man to do nothing for forty years, and not to pay the price." The above is no doubt an extreme example, but we must all of us know of others that approach it. How rarely we realize that there is a penalty to pay for doing nothing, for living on the "easy" plan.

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This brings us to the great question of retirement from profession or business as age advances. Some of us are retired compulsorily, some of us retire voluntarily, and our blood is on our own heads, but in all cases it is what a Scotchman would call "just an awfu' risk." The momentum acquired by many years of routine work is not to be despised, and is easily lost if we get off the old accustomed rails. Some men are so fortunate as to be able to fill their lives with new interests and occupations after their old work is done, but they are the exception. For the average man retirement means a slackening of the whole machine, but especially of the mental side. The old proverb that says, "The retired man is a doomed man," has much truth. One would expect that the larger of our municipal work and government, and that also of our philanthropic institutions, would be done by retired men, but how rarely we see it. The leading, active parts fall mostly into the hands of the still busy men, and I suppose the reason is that their minds work more quickly and efficiently than the minds of those who are out of harness. The retired man has often no appreciation of the value of time, and so becomes prodigal of it. Yet there should be a lot of useful work that the idle man should be well able to do, and work which would save him from deteriorating.

Since the war began there are thousands of posts which have been efficiently filled by the men on the staff, for the nation's good and for their own. The man who is fit for useful work, but whose mind is too little intellectual to be fit for the more important work, is a man who is fit for the more important work, but whose mind is too little intellectual to be fit for the more important work.

It is far easier for the man, employed man to keep his body fit than his mind, and yet the true and only happiness of our latter years hangs on this. After all, it is the absence of inactivity, with its consequent lack of keenness, that is the real trouble. It is the old difference between the man who takes a walk to get an appetite for his breakfast and the man who takes a walk to get a breakfast for his appetite. There is the incentive in both cases, but one of very unequal force.

The eyes of the coming generations are upon us, looking for help and guidance. Let us show them minds wise and open to all new truths and developments, and let us not allow the approach of age to sink ignominiously into its reproach. (Dr. T. Bodley Scott in Ex.)

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